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For: LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY PANEL AND
METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAMERESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 9, 2003,
 applicants hereby provisionally elect, with traverse, to prosecute
 the claims of Group II (claims 1-23 and 32-53) in this application.

However, applicants traverse the restriction requirement since
 the subject matter of all of claims 1-59 is sufficiently related
 that a thorough and complete search for the subject matter of the
 elected claims would necessarily encompass a thorough and complete
 search for the subject matter of the non-elected claims. Search
 and examination of the entire application could be made without

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serious burden. See MPEP §803 which clearly states that "[i]f the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits." This policy should apply in the present application to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Respectfully submitted,

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